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FEDERATION.

THE COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION BILL.

THE SECOND READING CARRIED.

SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

AN AGREEMENT ARRIVED AT.

SATISFACTORY TO THE DELEGATES.

MR. H. H. ASQUITH SPEAKS.

LOCAL LIBERTY WITH IMPERIAL UNITY.

LONDON, May 21.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in moving the second reading of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill in the House of Commons to-day, acknowledged Australia's cordial and generous reception of the amendments proposed in the measure. He said that he was happy to announce that the Imperial Government was now in absolute agreement with four of the federal delegates.

May 22.

The House and the galleries were crowded.

King Oscar of Sweden, the federal delegates, and many Australians were present in the strangers' gallery, including Sir Julian Salomons, Sir W. P. Manning, and Mr. C. J. Roberts, M.L.C., C.M.G., of New South Wales.

The greatest interest was taken in the proceedings by members of the House, and there was prolonged cheering when the fact that a satisfactory agreement had been arrived at was announced.

Mr. Chamberlain acknowledged that four of the delegates had exhibited the utmost consideration, resulting in a unanimous agreement, leaving Australia absolutely free to adopt her own course where her interests were concerned.

The agreement, Mr. Chamberlain said, gave the Imperial Government all that it had ever asked with the enormous advantage that it was equally satisfactory to the delegates, who had written thinking him so far accepting the bill without alteration.

It was evident, Mr. Chamberlain continued, that Queensland and Western Australia preferred the original amendments; but the Imperial Government was unable to take sides, and the matter would be best discussed and settled by the colonies themselves.

He hoped that the House would pass the bill unanimously, in full conviction that it was securing Australian unity and independence.

The Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Westminster, and a number of Nationalist members of the House of Commons have congratulated the Australian federal delegates upon the realization of their national aspirations, and hoped the new Commonwealth would have a long and glorious career.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, who was Home Secretary in the last Liberal Administration, said that the whole Empire would be gratified and would welcome the announcement of the agreement. The bill, he said, transcended in interest, in magnitude, and in its influence upon the future of the Empire, any other legislative proposal for a generation past.

The wise exhibition of tact resulting in the agreement, reflected equal honour upon Mr. Chamberlain and the federal delegates. All parties welcomed the measure as the most signal illustration of the successful development of local liberty with Imperial unity.

Sir R. B. Finlay, the Attorney-General, said that every friend of the Empire hailed the agreement with satisfaction. Mr. Henniker Heaton, Conservative, congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on the tact and wisdom he had displayed.

Mr. T. Healy, Nationalist, denounced what he termed "a biased judicial peerage." He termed the proposed Imperial Court a new hybrid institution, and said he was confident that it would not inspire reverence.

The bill was read the second time without division amid cheering from all parts of the House.

The bill was introduced into committee pro forma, and its further consideration was fixed for June 18.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS.

LONDON, May 22.

The newspapers coupling the agreement arrived at with regard to the Commonwealth Bill with the confirmation of the news of the relief of Mafeking make congratulatory comments on the coincidence.

"The Times" says that the wise concessions of Mr. Chamberlain have effectively silenced Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the Opposition.

"The Daily News" compliments the federal delegates on the hard fight they have made, and on the substantial victory they have obtained.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED BY LIBERALS AT CAMBRIDGE.

LONDON, May 21.

The Australian Federation Delegates were entertained at a banquet on Saturday night by the Liberals of Cambridge.

Mr. John Morley, M.P. for Montrose Burghs, who presided, said he hoped the ultimate settlement of the federation would leave no "ragged edge."

Mr. Edmund Barton (New South Wales) declared that the present difference was only one of standpoint, and was susceptible of adjustment.

Mr. J. B. Dickson (Queensland) championed his Government in the attitude it had assumed regarding the 74th clause, and protested against the limitation of appeals to the Privy Council as breaking one of the links that bound the colonies to the Empire.

VIEW OF QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT.

BRISSBANE, Tuesday.

The Premier speaking yesterday with reference to the present position of the Commonwealth Bill in England, said that the Queensland Government decidedly opposed the latest amendments proposed by Mr. Barton. They were most unsatisfactory. On the other hand the Government was favourable to the amendments of Mr. Chamberlain, as it considered them fair and reasonable.

LATE EDITION.

HERALD OFFICE, 6.30 a.m.

THE WAR.

RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

CAPTURE OF COMMANDANT ELOFF.

LONDON, May 22.

Lieutenant-Colonel B. T. Mahon, who entered Mafeking on Friday last, took 20

waggon loads of supplies for the town.

The official report issued from the War

Office states that Lieutenant-Colonel Mahon entered Mafeking at 4 a.m. on the

18th instant. On the previous day he

encountered 1500 of the enemy nine miles

from Mafeking. After making a stubborn

resistance for five hours the Boers were

driven from a strong position.

A detachment of the Canadian artillery

by forced marches, arrived in time to

render valuable assistance.

A Reuter's telegram gives further

particulars of the capture of Commandant

Eloff at Mafeking on the 19th instant.

The Boer commandant was captured

by Colonel Hore and the police who

manned the fort at the headquarters of

the Protectorate Regiment.

A desperate combat took place at short

range. Many of Commandant Eloff's

men fled.

The Boer leader was disgusted at the

action of his men, and fired at them,

afterwards surrendering to Colonel Hore.

Altogether 1200 prisoners were taken,

including a Frenchman, Count Bremont,

and a German, Von Weiss.

PRESIDENT KRUGER AND LORD

SALISBURY.

LONDON, May 22.

The report published in the "Express"

that President Kruger had telegraphed

to Lord Salisbury in a humble strain has

been contradicted.

BOERS LEAVING NATAL.

LONDON, May 22.

A report from Pietermaritzburg states

that the Boers have left Natal. When

abandoning Laing's Nek they wrecked

the railway, thus delaying General Sir

Redvers Buller's advance.

FEDERATION.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE

DELEGATES.

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glorious career.

CIRCUS ENGAGEMENTS.

LONDON, May 22.

Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers, the

Australian circus proprietors, have arranged

for the departure of several Continental

and other artists.

SURRENDER OF PRISONERS AND

OF ARMS.

LONDON, May 21.

It is officially stated that 50 rifles and

3000 rounds of ammunition were handed

to the Yeomanry between Boshof and

Bloemfontein.

A field-cornet and 80 Boers surrendered

at Boshof.

Two hundred and fifty rifles and half

a million rounds of ammunition have been

handed to Lieutenant-General Lord

Methuen at Hoopstad.

IN THE EASTERN FREE STATE.

SIR H. M. RUNDLE'S OPERATIONS.

LONDON, May 21.

The Eighth Division, commanded by

Lieutenant-General Sir H. M. Rundle,

stretches from Winburg, 20 miles east

of the railway line, in an east-south-easterly

direction to Ficksburg, a distance of

nearly 60 miles.

Sir H. M. Rundle has his headquarters

at Mexico, 20 miles east of Winburg.

Hundreds of the enemy have sur-

rendered to him.

MAJOR-GENERAL BRABANT.

LONDON, May 21.

Major-General Brabant, with his

brigade of Irregular Horse, has reached

Clocloen, in the eastern portion of the

Free State.

TWO BOTHAS CAPTURED.

LONDON, May 21.

Two Bothas (Philip and William) have

been captured.

SUPPLIES FOR KROONSTAD.

LONDON, May 21.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts and Major-

General Lord Kitchener, Chief of the

Staff, are awaiting supplies at Kroonstad.

COMMANDANT OLIVIER.

LONDON, May 21.

Commandant Olivier is now posted be-

tween Senekal and Lindley.

VREDE THE FREE STATE CAPITAL.

LONDON, May 21.

Mr. Stoen, ex-President of the Free

State, has proclaimed Vrede, 120 miles

E.N.E. of Kroonstad, to be the capital of

the Free State.

LAING'S NEK TUNNEL.

LONDON, May 21.

Before retiring from their position the

Boers destroyed with dynamite the

entrances to the tunnel through Laing's

Nek, Natal.

Major-General the Earl of Darnley, find-

ing that Laing's Nek was strongly

occupied by the enemy, postponed his

attack on it.

ZULULAND COLUMN.

LONDON, May 21.

The column sent by General Sir Redvers

Buller to Zululand is within 20 miles of

Vryheid, a town on the south-east corner

of the Transvaal.

THE USE OF EXPANSIVE

BULLETS.

LONDON, May 21.

Mr. Smith, an engineer, has informed

Lord Roberts that while the Boers

were besieging Ladysmith Commandant

Erasmus, who was in charge of a Transvaal

lancer outside the town, sent to the

Free State burghers who were hiding in

the siege 12,000 soft-nosed bullets to be

used in the Maxims.

CAPTAIN D. H. JENKINS.

LONDON, May 22.

Captain D. H. Jenkins, of the Victoria

Mounted Rifles serving with the

second contingent in South Africa, has

been invalided, and has sailed for Eng-

land in the steamer Orient.

TROOPER CAMERON.

LONDON, May 22.

Trooper D. Cameron, of the Australian

Home, who was reported missing at the

Zand River, is supposed to have been

taken prisoner.

DEATHS OF AUSTRALIANS.

LONDON, May 22.

Private H. Liscock, of Victoria, and

Private E. C. Ogilvie, of the New South

Wales Mounted Infantry, and Private J.

J. Kelly, of the Mounted Battery medical

of the New South Wales Army Medical

Corps, have died at Capetown of enteric

fever.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL

OF THE WAR.

"LEST WE FORGET."

THE FAILEN HEROES.

A MAGNIFICENT MONUMENT IN

THE STRAND, LONDON.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

EMPIRE.

LONDON, May 22.

Pearson's new London paper, the

"Daily Express," published yesterday a

leading article under the title "Lest we

forget," in which it says:

"Let us in due time have an abiding, worthy memorial of the war. In a little while the feeling will be over. In a little while, shall we begin to forget the names of our gallant dead? No, women will not forget, least of all those who have given husband, love, or son for Queen and country. The stream of life runs swiftly, and men who struggle with it have no time to remember. Let us have a reminder of the lives so gallantly given, a reminder spacious and durably magnificent. Though no nation can boast of so many heroes as we, we are ill provided with monuments of heroism. The Nelson column in Trafalgar-square and the Guards' Memorial in Waterloo-place, are the most notable. Let us build one that shall lift a proud front to the sky in the heart of London, so that day by day passers-by from many lands may stop and say: 'That is a heroism of the British Empire; it is where they kept the marble record of the names of men who have fallen in battle.' We can build it. God willing, and the country consenting, it will be the greatest thoroughfare in the world. 'The Strand' there is going to be a site for it at the point where the business of the east and the pleasure of the west begin to rub shoulders; where the meeting of the traffic of the north and south will find its most ample passage presently glorified, and the section of the Strand will run with wide complements from Wellington-street to the Church of St. Clement Danes, and the connecting street, and, following the curve of a semi-circle between these points northwards across Catherine-street and Drury-lane, southwards across Wyke-street and Clement's-lane, will enclose a place of London ground shaped somewhat like the segment of an orange. This will be an ideal site for a national memorial. The London County Council has recognized the value and importance of having it filled by a building of ambitious conception

THE WAR.

BOER DELEGATES IN AMERICA.

UNOFFICIAL RECEPTION.

UNITED STATES IMPARTIALLY NEUTRAL.

ENEMY DISAFFECTED.

DIVIDED COUNSELS.

LONDON, May 22.

Colonel Hay, the United States Secretary of State, yesterday unofficially

received the Boer peace delegates, Messrs. A. Fischer, Wolmarans, and Wessels.

Colonel Hay heard them explain their

case for an hour, and then had a con-

sultation with President McKinley.

Afterwards he issued a statement to

the delegates reviewing the previous

efforts which had been made to bring

about peace, and reiterating President

McKinley's feeling that the only course for

his Government was to persist in its

policy of impartial neutrality, and that a

deviation therefrom would be contrary to

all America's traditions and national

interests.

THE BOERS DISAFFECTED.

LONDON, May 21.

President Kruger is desperately at-

tempting to prevent the war from flaring

out. Many prominent Boers, however,

declare that it is useless to sacrifice more

lives.

Although the district around Lyden-

burg (where it is proposed to establish

the new capital of the Transvaal) is un-

fortified, an enormous amount of rolling

stock has been concentrated between

Pretoria and Resenagarcia, near the

Portuguese East Africa border.

The ruling clique in the Transvaal is

unable to agree where to make the next

move.

TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT ISSU-

ING PAPER MONEY.

LONDON, May 21.

The notes of the Transvaal National

Bank have been declared legal tender in

the Republic.

This action is interpreted to foreshadow

a fresh issue of paper money owing to

the heavy export of specie from the Trans-

vaal.

BOERS INTEND TO DEFEND

JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, May 21.

The Transvaal Government announcing

its intention to defend Johannesburg

disclaims any responsibility for the safety

of foreigners or of property in the city.

The Government advises the consuls to

take steps to safeguard their respective

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